

Mr. Vance updated the Board on the District's response to citizen questions pertaining to Building and Site Sinking Fund information being on line and inspection protocols for new buildings.

Superintendent Wells discussed over 1,400 elementary students transitioning to new buildings next month and invited the Transportation Manager, Mr. Louk Markham, to share more background details.

Mr. Markham shared background on the Transportation Advisory Committee and the criteria used in evaluating changes to elementary walk zones. He noted this recommended change is consistent with other District elementary schools and discussed plans for a crossing guard at the 12th Street Elementary, a drop in the speed limit before and after school, and a higher presence of officers patrolling the site at the beginning of the year.

Superintendent Wells reported on two financial matters: the consideration of a .5000 millage rate renewal for the Building and Site Sinking Fund and Budget Amendment #1 to the 2009/10 Building and Site Sinking Fund. She also discussed a recent personnel incident noting the matter was handled directly and privately. She informed the audience the District is reviewing, reiterating, and will continue to stress the high standards expected of staff.

Financial Report: The Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Mr. Tom Noverr, provided the General Fund Condensed Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the twelve month period ending June 30, 2009.

COMMENTS OR COMMUNICATIONS

President Whistler opened the comments and communications portion of the meeting and asked if there were any citizens who would like to speak to the Board. Mrs. Polderman explained guidelines the Board uses for this portion of the meeting.

Ms. Lissa Adams, 3554 Cloverleaf Ln., a parent, shared concerns regarding walk zone changes at Amberly Elementary.

Ms. Kim Tenney, 5051 Heathrow Ave., a parent, shared concerns regarding walk zone changes at 12th Street Elementary and inquired if any District representatives had walked the proposed routes.

Ms. Mary Gauthier, 6970 Cypress Bay Dr., a parent and day care provider, shared concerns regarding walk zone changes at 12th Street Elementary.

Mr. Tad Godsil, 5449 Cypress Bay Dr., a parent, shared concerns regarding walk zone changes at 12th Street Elementary.

Ms. Nancy Wilson, 7290 Orly Ct., a parent, shared concerns regarding walk zone changes at 12th Street Elementary.

Ms. Shannon Godsil, 5449 Cypress Bay Dr., a parent, shared concerns regarding walk zone changes at 12th Street Elementary.

Ms. Tanya Adams, 7272 Standiford St., a parent, shared concerns regarding walk zone changes at 12th Street Elementary.

Mr. Bob Brooks, 4715 Blackburn, a parent, shared concerns regarding walk zone changes at 12th Street Elementary.

Dr. Michael Leinwand, 6677 Oleander Ln., a parent, shared concern about the removal of a West Middle School counselor.

Ms. Judi Santek, 7537 Autumn St., a citizen, thanked the Board for listening to community input and making the decision to proceed with tennis courts at both high school sites.

Mr. Frank McNutt, 5196 Mission, a citizen, shared concerns regarding walk zone changes.

Ms. Yong Houg Jin, 5288 Cypress Bay Dr., a parent, shared concerns regarding walk zone changes at 12th Street Elementary.

Mr. Markham addressed citizen questions raised during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Central High School Police Liaison Officer, Mr. Eric Klein, discussed his participation in the recent Transportation Advisory Committee meeting and his patrols near the 12th Street Elementary site. Mr. Noverr discussed the Transportation Advisory Committee purpose, their unanimous decision to support the expanded walk zones, safety interpretations and historical background. Trustees shared comments regarding examples from similar districts, crossing significant roads, leaving school grounds, and reconsidering the changes planned for the 12th Street Elementary. Superintendent Wells and President Whistler acknowledged the Administration would review the information received at tonight's meeting and convey updates with the Board.

President Whistler opened the floor to comments from fellow Board members.

Mrs. Kurdys thanked the citizens for their input, shared information from two Board Retreats held this summer, and thanked Gazette reporter, Ms. Julie Mack, for her college readiness report.

Mr. Rathburn echoed Mrs. Kurdys comments about citizen input and informed the audience of his plans to attend the Malcolm Baldrige Regional Conference in September. He commented on a recent personnel incident and that he was pleased with the way it was addressed by the Administration.

Mrs. Polderman announced she was pleased to learn Mr. Roger Crawford would be speaking during the opening day event for staff and encouraged all to attend.

President Whistler shared details of the Board of Education's summer calendar: two retreats reviewing Policies and Bylaws, closed sessions, and Committee meetings. She noted the Board will continue to make academic achievement their top priority.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion offered by Mrs. Kurdys, supported by Mr. Posthumus, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda items, deferring the July 13, 2009, Organizational Meeting Minutes and Policy 3.9, Board Committee Structure Addendum to the September 14 meeting, as presented. Included on the Consent Agenda was the approval of the Minutes of July 15, 2009,

Policy Development Session, the revised August 7, 2009, Policy Development Session, and Policy And Bylaw Revisions. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUIRED APPROVAL ITEM

Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following new teachers: Mr. Christopher Andrews, Ms. Angelique Biehl, Ms. Jessica Bierlien, Ms. Sarah Bird, Ms. Katie Brennan, Ms. Kaleen Grand, Ms. Trisha Howrigan, Ms. Joann Hurst, Ms. Kylie Johnson, Ms. Tanya Lasley, Ms. Christine Pratt, Ms. Kristen Shook, and Ms. Kristin Tuinier, as presented.

The Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Dr. Ric Perry, provided background on the new teachers and responded to Trustee questions pertaining to remaining openings, utilizing teachers previously pink slipped, and anticipated enrollment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Posthumus, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Tom Zahrt to the position of Director of Human Resources, as presented.

Superintendent Wells provided background on Mr. Zahrt and introduced him to the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion offered by Mr. Posthumus, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Gail Van Daff to the position of Director of Special Education, as presented.

Superintendent Wells provided background on Ms. Van Daff and introduced her to the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Mike Huber to the position of Assistant Principal at Northern High School for the 2009/10 school year, as presented.

Dr. Ric Perry shared background on Mr. Huber and Superintendent Wells added Mr. Huber will be introduced to the Board at a September meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Posthumus, that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution, Amendment #1 to the Building and Site Sinking Fund Appropriations Act for the 2009/10 fiscal year, as presented.

Mr. Noverr shared background on the Amendment resolution and responded to Trustee questions pertaining to 2008/09 expenditures, flexibility of the BSSF, and not moving funds prematurely.

Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution requesting voter consideration at the November 3, 2009, General Election of a .5000 millage rate for a renewal Building and Site Sinking Fund (BSSF) that would begin in the school year 2010/11 and run through school year 2014/15, as presented.

Mr. Noverr shared background on the millage renewal resolution and reviewed projects funded in buildings not impacted by the Bonds. Discussion between Mr. Noverr, Superintendent Wells and the Trustees pertained to cash flow timing, revenues, postponing this request until May 2010, need for maintaining the remaining aging District buildings, millage renewal versus tax increase, questionable flexibility of future millage, planning for use of funds, engaging the community and seeking feedback.

Mr. Posthumus called the question, Mrs. Kurdys seconded the motion.

Upon a roll call vote, the Resolution failed by a vote of 3-3.

Motion offered by Mrs. Kurdys, to initiate the planning process for proposing a Building and Site Sinking Fund millage renewal for the May election.

Motion failed for lack of support.

ACTION ITEM

Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, supported by Mr. Posthumus, that the Board of Education certify the following delegate(s) Mrs. Kurdys for the 2009 MASB Delegate Assembly.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion offered by Mrs. Kurdys, supported by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education cast a ballot for Mr. Allyn Miller as MASB Board of Director, Region 6, one-year term.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion offered by Mr. Posthumus, supported by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education cast a ballot for Ms. Debbie Squires as MASB Board of Director, Region V, three-year term.

Motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

The Board discussed Agenda Item Requests pertaining to an overview of Kalamazoo County-wide 4 year old pre-school initiative and specific inquiries from the Mackinac Center and the Kalamazoo Citizens for Responsible Government.

Trustees agreed to move Agenda Request 1, Overview Presentation of Kalamazoo County-wide 4 year old Pre-school Initiative to a future agenda.

Trustees agreed to forward Agenda Request 2, Specific Inquiries for Information to the Owner's Linkage Committee for further development before returning to the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Kent
Recording Secretary

2009/10 BSSF BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 – RECAP

	SY 2007/08 Actual	SY 2008/09 Amend #2	SY 2009/10 Adopted	SY 2009/10 Amend #1
Unappropriated Fund Balance - Beginning (Est)	\$ 1,018,625	\$ 1,247,598	\$ 1,598,862	\$ 1,631,489
Revenues				
Tax Levy at .50 mills for all years	1,121,606	1,147,302	1,173,327	1,173,327
Industrial Facilities tax	11,065	10,962	10,000	10,000
Interest Income	57,881	25,000	30,000	30,000
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	2,115	2,000	2,000	2,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	2,015	1,000	2,000	2,000
Collection of Prior Year Taxes	3,647	2,000	2,000	2,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	100	100	100
Reimbursement from Bond #1 - Site Acquisition	-	-	-	665,000
Note Receivable Collection	4,020	4,020	-	-
Total Revenues	1,202,349	1,192,384	1,219,427	1,884,427
Expenses				
Specific Major Projects	776,659	674,000	1,556,000	1,556,000
On-going Projects	108,641	125,000	150,000	150,000
Doors	61,324	5,000	50,000	50,000
Other Projects	1,898	-	130,400	130,400
Flooring	21,230	36,120	-	-
Tax refund and other misc non-construction costs	3,624	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Expenses	973,376	841,120	1,887,400	1,887,400
Projected (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenses	228,973	351,264	(667,973)	(2,973)
Unappropriated Fund Balance - Ending (Est)	\$ 1,247,598	\$ 1,598,862	\$ 930,889	\$ 1,628,516

2009/10 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 - DETAIL

	SY 2007/08 Actual	SY 2008/09 Amend #2	SY 2009/10 Adopted	SY 2009/10 Amend #1
Major Projects				
PCEC - Installation of Portable Classrooms	178,092	-	-	-
Site Acquisition Costs (Central and Northern Sites)	-	524,000	141,000	141,000
Relocation Costs for Three High School				
Extracurricular Fields	-	-	-	-
West Middle School Tennis Courts Replacement	-	-	325,000	325,000
Moorsbridge Carpet Replacement	-	-	150,000	150,000
Major Roofing Projects - Amberly and Woodland in 07/08; 08/09	598,567	150,000	-	-
Angling Road Elementary	-	-	365,000	365,000
West Middle School	-	-	275,000	275,000
Central High	-	-	100,000	100,000
Northern High	-	-	200,000	200,000
Total Major Projects	776,659	674,000	1,556,000	1,556,000
On-Going Projects				
Roof Repair	20,640	25,000	30,000	30,000
Asphalt Repair	9,861	20,000	20,000	20,000
Toilet Partition Replacement	6,471	10,000	10,000	10,000
Carpet Replacement	1,156	10,000	10,000	10,000
Fence Repairs	1,534	-	-	-
District Mechanical	62,275	60,000	55,000	55,000
District Electrical	6,704	-	25,000	25,000
Total On-Going Projects	108,641	125,000	150,000	150,000
Exterior Door Replacement				
Various Exterior Doors At All Buildings	61,324	5,000	50,000	50,000
Total Doors	61,324	5,000	50,000	50,000
Other Projects				
Sand Filter Replacements at Pools	-	-	90,000	90,000
WMS - Drive Shaft Replacement			5,400	5,400
CMS - Media Center Climate Control replacement			15,000	15,000
McCamley Field - Furnace replacement in locker rooms			20,000	20,000
NHS Sign Replacement	1,898	-	-	-
Total Other Projects	1,898	-	130,400	130,400
Flooring				
PCEC Tile Project	13,330	36,120	-	-
Edging for multipurpose tracks	7,900	-	-	-
Total Flooring	21,230	36,120	-	-